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WHOLE NO. 1049

## MALIGNANT DISEASE SEIZES JAPANESE ARMY IN KOREA

Twelve Per Cent of the Soldiers Have it and the Army is Thus Prevented From Moving--It May Interfere Materially in the Progress of the War and Success of the Japanese--Vivid Telegraphic Account of Russian Officer's Escape When Battleship Was Blown Up.

Imperial Palace at Seoul is Burned--Work Believed to be That of Rebellious Element--Emperor and Staff Escape From the Burning Building Safely.

By Associated Press.  
St. Petersburg, April 15--Grand Duke Boris telegraphed Grand Duke Cyril an account of his escape. It said at the moment of the explosion he fell to the port side of the bridge whence he lowered himself to deck. He was swept away by an immense wave and sank to a considerable depth, then rose to the surface, caught a fragment of the ship's steam launch, to which he clung ten minutes when he was picked up by the destroyer Beziumi.

By Associated Press.  
Port Arthur, April 15--(Delayed in transmission)--An engagement occurred at six o'clock yesterday morning between seven Russian torpedo boats and the cruiser Bayan and the Japanese fleet. The destroyer Beziumi was sunk. Five torpedo boats with the Bayan returned at seven a. m. Battleships Petropavlovsk, Pobeda and Persvet and the gunboat Gayamak then put out to sea and at 9.30 the Petropavlovsk sank. The battleship Pobeda which was damaged amidsthip, went to the inner harbor.

By Associated Press.  
Paris, April 15--The foreign office here has received a cablegram saying the Imperial palace at Seoul, was burned last night. The Emperor and his staff escaped. No mention is made of the cause of the fire, but it is feared it was the work of a rebellious element.

By Associated Press.  
Tien Tsin, April 15--It is asserted here that twelve per cent of the Japanese army in Korea is suffering from malignant disease, here. This prevents the movement of the army.

By Associated Press.  
St. Petersburg, April 15--The Associated Press obtained last night what is practically the official version of the sinking of the battleship Petropavlovsk at Port Arthur, and it clears up to a great extent the mysterious features of that vessel's destruction. This version is as follows:

Retiring before the advance of a superior Japanese fleet, which was not fighting its progress, the Russian squadron approached the entrance to the harbor. It was shortly after 8 o'clock in the morning, and most of the officers and members of the crew were at breakfast on the flagship. Vice Admiral Makarov was eating breakfast in his cabin, and the ward room was filled with officers surrounding the tables. On the bridge Grand Duke Cyril, his friend, Lieutenant Von Kobe, Captain Jakoff, commanding the vessel, and two other officers were on watch examining the narrow entrance preparatory to entering it.

At about 8.30 o'clock there was a terrific explosion of the boilers followed a few seconds later by a detonation from the well stored magazines.

Huge gaps were torn in the hull of the ship and the water rushed in. The center of gravity having gone, the ship rolled on her side and sank.

All information tends to prove that a mine was responsible for the destruction of the Petropavlovsk.

The scene below will never be described. So far as is known not a single person between decks succeeded in escaping. The hot steam which sealed the men on deck indicated what must have been the character of the death of those in the engine room. The men on deck were thrown in all directions, those falling into the water swimming and grasping the wreckage to which some of them were able to cling.

The remainder of the squadron immediately stopped and lowered small boats and the torpedo boats steamed as quickly as possible to the rescue of the survivors.

The escape of the Grand Duke Cyril

and Lieut. Von Kobe was nothing short of miraculous. The force of the explosion sent Grand Duke Cyril flying across the bridge and the base of his skull struck on an iron stanchion. Fortunately he did not lose consciousness. Believing that the ship was about to sink he clambered hastily down its side and boldly plunged into the water. He succeeded in reaching a piece of wreckage, to which he clung. The Grand Duke was in the water about twenty minutes before he was picked up by a torpedo boat. Lieut. Von Kobe was also found swimming and was picked up. Captain Jakoff was thrown against a stanchion with such force that he was killed.

### BIG SUCCESS

Was the Francis Lot Sale in Reynoldsville Addition Thursday, Eighty-Four Lots Sold at Good Prices--Enoch C. Tetric Got the Lot Which Was Given Away.

Eighty-four lots were sold at the big auction lot sale in the Francis addition to Reynoldsville Thursday all bringing good prices. The lots sold from \$75 to \$175 apiece, the average being about \$125 per lot. The sale commenced at ten o'clock in the morning and continued until six o'clock in the evening. About seven hundred people attended. The bidding was quite brisk and the sale attracted more than the usual attention by those in attendance. Tyson Harner was the auctioneer. There are 128 lots in the addition and the remaining ones will be sold at private sale.

A feature of the sale was the giving away of one of the lots in the addition. This was done by the means of a coupon given in by each person with their name written upon it. Enoch C. Tetric was the lucky person and the lot was deeded to him.

The Clarksburg opera house hand furnished music for the occasion.

### COMMANDERY INSPECTION

Will Be Made By the Grand Captain General and Banquet Will Be Indulged in by the Members.

A special convocation of Clarksburg Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, will be held to-night at 7.30 o'clock in the Masonic temple for work in the Knights Templar degree. Grand Captain General Roland will be here from Fairmont and will inspect the commandery and so it is expected that all the members will be present in uniform. After the ceremonies a banquet will be served in the banquet hall. The occasion promises to be of much interest to the members of the commandery.

### BOX SUPPER AT JARVISVILLE.

Preparations are being made for a box supper in Post's hall, at Jarvisville in the near future. The date has not yet been determined. Plenty of music will be furnished and the ladies are most cordially invited to attend and take boxes with them.

### HIGHLY PLEASED WITH LOT SALE.

Col. M. J. Francis, of Wilsonburg, was here Friday. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the lot sale at Reynoldsville and especially the good work the newspapers did in getting the throngs of people there.

Mrs. William Geppert, Sr., of New York and Miss Chester Geppert, who is attending school at Gallipolis, Ohio, will arrive here shortly to make William L. Geppert a visit.

### U. S. ARMY OFFICERS

Stabbed by Filipinos While Reconnoitering Moro Works on Monday--Captain David Wheeler is Dead and Corporal Heyvelt Will Die.

Manila, P. I., April 15--Captain David P. Wheeler and Corporal Percy Heyvelt, of the 22nd Infantry, while reconnoitering the Moro works in Lake Lanao, died on April 11, were stabbed in the abdomen. Captain Wheeler died April 13. Heyvelt's injuries are such that he is not expected to live.

Captain Wheeler is from Ohio. His father, Benjamin Wheeler, resides at Zanesville. He entered West Point in 1894, and was commissioned captain in 1903.

### LAKE TRADE

With Coal Companies in the Clarksburg and Fairmont Regions Opened by Big Shipments Friday--Companies Have Plenty of Cars Now.

Big shipments of coal for the lake trade were made by the various coal companies in the Clarksburg and Fairmont coal districts Friday. These big shipments marks the opening of the lake trade for the season, although it usually begins about the first of April. Lack of cars prevented the initial shipments at that time. This has been over come at present and a plentiful supply of cars for the shipment of large quantities of coal is on hand. The lake trade among the coal companies in this district bids fair to break all former records.

### DELEGATES SELECTED TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

As stated exclusively in the city edition of the Telegram Thursday delegates at large were selected at Charleston Thursday to the Republican national convention, namely, Ex-Governor George B. Atkinson of Kanawha county; S. T. Mallory, of Wood; A. N. Pritchard, of Marion, and James L. Caldwell, of Cabell. The alternates are P. L. Gordon, of Fayette; S. W. Willey, of Summers; Byrd Prillerman, of Kanawha, and S. M. Steels, of Marshall.

### JEALOUS HUSBAND SHOOTING WIFE AND SELF

By Associated Press.  
Philadelphia, Pa., April 15--Frederick Scifie, in a fit of jealousy shot his wife to-day in the presence of their three children and then killed himself. The woman will recover.

### SIX VICE-PRESIDENTS FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association has made some changes in its constitution, among which is a provision for six vice-presidents instead of one as heretofore. Another change was that of requiring a less number for a quorum. The auxiliary expects to move into new quarters about April 28.

### HOUSE REFUSED TO CONCUR.

By Associated Press.  
Columbus, O., April 15--The House refused to concur in the Senate's amendments to the Brannock local option bill. This sends it to a conference committee in conference to the wishes of Governor Herrick. The vote was 40 to 42.

Hugh M. Martin is a business visitor here from Shinnston.

### GOLD WATCH WILL BE GIVEN

To Mr. Tracey To-Night By the Macabees and Twenty Candidates Will Be Initiated.

Clarksburg Tent, No. 19, Knights of the Macabees, will hold a regular meeting to-night in the Knights of Pythias hall. It is expected twenty candidates will be given the initiatory rites. A feature of the evening will be the presentation to L. Tracey of a \$20 gold watch for securing the greatest number of applicants under the special dispensation.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Dr. Luther Haymond returned Thursday night from Philadelphia, where he received medical treatment in a hospital. He submitted to an operation for fistula.

### BIG SNOW STORM IN WISCONSIN.

By Associated Press.  
Milwaukee, Wis., April 15--Wisconsin and Upper Michigan had a heavy snow storm last night. Snow fell to the depth of five inches at Green Bay.

### BURIAL

Of John Byrne Who Fell to His Death From Railroad Trestle Will Not Occur For Several Days--Efforts Being Made to Find Relatives.

The body of John Byrne, the railroad employee who fell to his death from the railroad trestle in the Clarksburg Industrial addition Wednesday night, has been prepared for burial at the Bogges undertaking establishment. No arrangements will be made or the funeral until something can be found out about his relatives, if he has any. The proper authorities are investigating to find the relatives of the dead man. The body will probably be kept at the undertaking establishment until Sunday or Monday or until the investigation is finished.

### PROMINENT

Attorney of Akron, Ohio, Commits Suicide at His Home Because of Financial Embarrassments.

By Associated Press.  
Akron, Ohio, April 15--H. T. Wilson, chairman of the Board of Public Safety, a prominent attorney of Akron, committed suicide at his home to-day by shooting himself with a revolver. He was a stockholder in the Akron Savings Bank, which recently failed, and it is supposed that financial embarrassment was the cause of his suicide.

### OPENS CASH GROCERY STORE.

G. U. Baisley, late of Pt. Pleasant, this State, has opened up a new cash grocery in the store room on Pike street, opposite the post office, recently occupied by the Clarksburg Produce Co. A large stock of groceries, etc., has been installed and the new concern is ready for business.

### POSTMASTERS NOMINATED.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, D. C., April 15--The President to-day nominated the following postmasters: Indiana, George D. Abraham, Oden; Samuel P. Yenne Shovals.

Rev. C. Warmann, of Lumberton, was a business visitor here Friday.

## JAIL DELIVERY OCCURS

TWO PRISONERS TEAR UP SHEET IRON COVERING OF HOLE IN THE FLOOR AND CRAWL OUT OF THE COUNTY JAIL.

THEY MADE THEIR ESCAPE IN SAFETY WITHOUT DISTURBING ANY ONE--SIX OTHER PRISONERS WERE IN THE SAME CELL.

Remaining Prisoners Called in One of the Keepers and Told Him of the Escape--Delivery Occurred Between Eight and Nine O'Clock Thursday Night.

A jail delivery occurred at the county's temporary bastille Thursday night between eight and nine o'clock. William Hopkins, a young man imprisoned awaiting a trial for stealing brass from the Baltimore & Ohio railroad yards and Walter Williams colored, awaiting trial by circuit court for stealing a coat containing money from H. D. Anderson, at the Perry coal mines, about a month ago effected their escape.

About half past eight o'clock the prisoners in the jail called Alexander Steptoe, the assistant at the jail, into the prison and told him of the men's escape. The prisoners had torn up some sheet iron which had been placed over some holes in the flooring of the cells, crawled through the aperture, thence under the flooring of the prison and out through a hole under the south side of the building.

There were six other prisoners in the jail, among them being an Italian accused of attempted murder and Ed. Butler accused of criminally assaulting a young girl. It is supposed that the other prisoners were frightened by persons approaching, or passing the jail or the movements of the jailers in the adjoining room, and did not make their escape, or it might have been that they were afraid of the consequences and did not take the opportunity.

A similar jail delivery occurred a month or two ago, two prisoners escaping in the same manner.

The prisoners who escaped are now at large and efforts will be made by the officers to capture them and return them to prison.

## WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY OF W. VA.

Is Now the Name of the Methodist Seminary at Buckhannon--Board Converts Institution Into Full-Fledged University.

Dr. David L. Ash returned Thursday evening from Buckhannon, where he is a member of the board of trustees of the West Virginia Conference Seminary attended meetings of the board Wednesday night and Thursday.

Among the important matters transacted by the board was that of reorganizing the institution into a university. This was accomplished under the provisions of the charter, which contains clauses giving that authority, and the name of the institution is now the Wesleyan University of West Virginia.

The institution has always had the power to confer college degrees but has not done so. Hereafter it will confer them. The regular university course has never been given, with the exception of the last year. Under the reorganization this is added and the full course will be given.

There is no change in the personnel of the board of trustees and Judge McWhorter of the State supreme court remains its president. The faculty continues as heretofore with Dr. John Wier as president of the university.

The excellent work done by this institution is appreciated from the fact that there are 530 students attending at this time and twenty more will enroll this scholastic year.

### ORIGINAL PAPERS WILL BE EXHIBITED

Richmond, Va., April 15--The original papers in the treason trial of Aaron Burr, in 1807, now in possession of the United States District and Circuit courts here, will be exhibited at the World's Fair. Robert V. Ladow, of the Department of Justice at Washington, is here to obtain an order to get the papers, among which is the bench warrant for Burr's arrest, which was signed by Chief Justice Marshall.

## DEMOCRATS DENOUNCE ONE ANOTHER BITTERLY

Prominent Delegates From the County Accuse City Delegates of Intrigue and Attempts to Manipulate the Convention--Latter Make Feeble Attempt of Denial.

The Democratic convention held here Friday afternoon was one of the most strenuous in the history of that party anywhere. There were bitter denunciations of one another and declarations of vindictiveness that added fuel to the flame.

The county delegates were especially bitter towards those of the city and their leaders made ugly accusations against the latter, such as accusing them of being in intrigue to manipulate the convention and bring about conditions that they are positively and unalterably opposed to, and there was only a weak attempt of denial.

There was a bitterness about the incriminations and insinuations that promised at one juncture to result in a row and it looked like it would end in a fight without anything being done, and it is believed such would have been the case, if the delegates from the county had not outnumbered the city delegates and proved louder mouthed and stronger in declaration than their city brethren and virtually overpowered the latter.

The convention opened shortly after one o'clock, when County Chairman Robert A. Garrett called it to order and named W. Scott as temporary chairman and J. W. Robinson temporary secretary.

Mr. Scott stated that the object of the convention was to select 27 delegates to the convention to be held at Charleston April 20 which will elect delegates at large and delegates from the various congressional districts to the Democratic national convention.

Then Mr. Scott proceeded to instruct the convention as to what sort of men they should send to the convention, and first called attention to the fact that two candidates for the supreme bench are to be nominated at the Charleston convention. He insisted that men of judicial mind should be sent as delegates and men who could be trusted. Next Mr. Scott attempted to instill into the convention some Jeffersonian Democracy by reading several sayings of Thomas Jefferson.

To expedite business, as it was termed, the temporary organization was then made permanent.

Then began the row. John Patton wanted to dispense with the committee on credentials but wanted committee on resolutions and delegates. John J. Davis did not want any resolving done, and thought it would not be safe or proper to do so. He merely wanted a committee on credentials. This idea did not strike the people from the country, who got it into their heads that they were to be given the cold shoulder in the proceedings and Edward Southern, of Sardis district, talked in vigorous terms of a plot to usurp their rights in favor of Parker for the presidential candidate, and then he denounced Clevelandism and Parkerism, with all the might that was in him and gave notice that he would bolt the ticket, if such were to control the party.

Ira Post was no less bitter in his denunciation of the high-handed manner in which it was undertaken to rob the country people of their rights in the convention and he detailed the various stages of the Democracy of the present day. He referred to the divisions in the party and denounced one element as working surreptitiously, secretly and stealthily to accomplish its despicable ends. He even accused them of resorting to bribery and corruption. He seriously objected to sending delegates to the Charleston convention unopposed and therefore demanded that the convention have a committee on resolutions.

John W. Davis then wanted to dispense with all the committees except one on delegates. This was offered as a substitute. The convention promptly voted it down, and at that point it was seen that the delegates from the country were in control. Next they voted down just as quickly the amendment offered by John J. Davis and then sustained Mr. Patton's motion.

There was then a long wrangle over how they should appoint delegates, but finally M. F. Snider's motion passed that a committee of 10--1 from each district--appoint two delegates from every congressional district, and seven delegates at large, to be submitted to the convention for ratification. There was some objection to this but it went through.

A committee on resolutions was then appointed as follows:

Clark district--John J. Davis, Clay district--E. E. Rightler, Coal district--Ellis Lyon, Eagle district--George Elliott, Elk district--Ira C. Post, Grant district--C. W. Davison, Sardis district--J. W. Garrard, Simpson district--J. C. Johnson, Union district--A. B. Coffincher, Tennessee district--J. T. Robinson.

The committee on delegates were as follows:

Clark district--C. F. Holden, Clay district--S. A. Elliott, Coal district--Thomas Haymond, Eagle district--E. M. Jess, Elk district--S. R. Bartlett, Sardis district--Edmund Southern, Simpson district--Jacob S. Powell, Union district--David L. Hall, Tennessee district--J. T. Carter.

The delegate committees reported the following delegates: J. W. Davis and Perry Williams, of Clark; Charles J. Hood and Frank M. Powell, of Clay; M. J. Francis and J. H. Davis, of Coal; C. S. Hornor and M. J. Anderson, of Eagle; Isaac Maxwell and Ira C. Post, of Elk; Edmund Southern and E. D. Orr, of Sardis; J. N. Wilkinson and John C. Johnson, of Simpson; S. Broadwater and J. V. Carter, of Tennessee; Florian Davison and Allen Smith, of Grant; Truman Payne and N. D. Boring, of Tennessee; W. W. Holden, Festus Orr, Alonzo Garrett, M. F. Snider, L. J. Roland, Fred Smith and J. W. Robinson at large.

The committee on resolutions could not agree but they reported resolutions to the effect that the national convention must nominate a Jeffersonian Democrat, if they were to support him.

John J. Davis made a lengthy speech advocating the adoption of the resolutions and declaring that he was not for Hill, Gorman, Parker and a number of other Democrats and making the usual denunciatory speech both of the Republicans and Democrats who have the courage to vote according to the dictates of their own conscience. He praised Hearst but would not say whether he was for him or not.

The resolutions were then adopted, also another instructing the delegates not to vote for any of those who signed the tax manifesto for delegates to the national convention; also one declaring that William Jennings Bryan is the greatest living American.

The attendance was just 150 by actual count, the delegations not even being complete as 20 delegates were selected from every district and that would have meant an attendance of 200 any way. If they had all taken interest enough to come, it was a very slimly attended convention, considering the appeals made by the Democratic paper for the people to turn out en masse.

### PUPILS

Of Miss Vollrath, at Broadus College Will Render Their Recital at the First Baptist Church To-Night.

The pupils of Miss Vollrath at Broadus College, will render their recital to-night at the First Baptist church and a most cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. There will be no admission charged but all lovers of music and friends of Broadus are promised a pleasant evening. This is the second of two recitals given by the department of music at Broadus Institute, the one of the piano students being presented last night. Miss Vollrath has accomplished much in her instruction during the past term as the recital to-night will undoubtedly show. She is a very efficient and able instructor and an artistic vocalist.

### By Associated Press.

Paris, April 13--The Japanese legation says that Rear Admiral Uriu's report shows that the Japanese torpedoes sank the battleship Petropavlovsk and damaged the Pobeda and says there are no submarine boats in the Japanese navy.

Washington D. C., April 15--The Russian government has given notice to newspaper correspondents using wireless telegraphy will be treated as spies and shot.